

BOARD OF RECREATION COMMISSIONERS MEETING,
MARCH 5, 2014

Roll Call:

R. Correa	Present
T. Como	Present
D. Kostantakis	Present
T. Hickey	Present
E. Lohsen	Present
D. Morrell	Present
P. Musse	Present
J. Sansone	Present
G. Tonner	Absent
B. Wicker	Present
R. Williams	Present
Councilman Brophie	Present
Councilman Hayes	Present
Councilman Riqueleme	Present

Chairman Correa called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

Chairman Correa announced, *“All requirements of the Open Public Meetings Law have been met for this meeting of the Board of Recreation Commissioners of the Borough of Dumont.”*

- Notices have been transmitted to the newspapers
- Notice is prominently posted in space provided on the bulletin board of the Borough Hall
- Notice has been filed with the Borough Clerk

P. Musse made a motion to accept the February 2014 minutes. D. Morrell seconded motion to accept minutes. Vote as follows: Kostantakis/yes, Morrell/yes, Musse/yes, Sansone/yes, Tonner/NAV, Williams/yes Alt.#1-Hickey/yes Alt #2-Como/yes Motion carried. (*NAV-not available at time of vote)

OPEN PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Tim Downing, soccer league president, has not received any permits for fields. Wants to know if Dumont High School can light their field for a month to make up for lost practice time due to the bad weather.

Barry Deloughery, Dumont Girls Softball representative would like to have a Tournament May 30-June 1st. Could switch a Friday for a Monday with Men's Softball. Commission will vote. Out-of-towners need Certificate of Insurance. Also need insurance for days of tournament.

R. Williams asked him about DGS's fund—what are they saving for. Barry said they want to buy Field Groomers and upgrade the sheds—the two sheds at Columbia are in bad shape. P. Musse will pass on info he has on groomers.

Ed Gieseemann, Men's Softball league president, wanted to make sure their schedule didn't conflict with Girls Softball. It's been worked out. Also asked why only certain registrants were pulled for the audit—no one knew why.

Gerry Aponte, Junior Football league president

- Asked about an open voucher from late 2013 for Stan's Sports Center that was submitted twice but never paid because the bill wasn't attached to it. B. Wicker will look into it.
- Reconditioned helmets were picked up. They're using state-certified USA Reconditioning in Garfield instead of Rydell at an average \$25-27 per helmet to refurbish. (Rydell added costs and shipped work out of the country.) Gerry wants USA Conditioning to steam clean equipment to kill bacteria to prevent staff infections. Company invited us to visit to see the process.
- Lissemore Clinic dates to be determined. G. Tonner will contact Sean's agent.
- Gerry needs integrated pants that come with pads sewn at \$20 per pair. They're using the old white ones for practice. New uniforms keep kids motivated. Would like home and away uniforms. Decision will take cost into account.
- Discussed what to do with old helmets—possibly making them into trophies.

P. Musse made a motion to close the Open Public portion of the meeting at this time.

R. Williams seconded motion. Vote as follows: Kostantakis/yes, Morrell/yes, Musse/yes, Sansone/yes, Tonner/NAV, Williams/yes, Alt #1 Hickey/yes, Alt #2 Como/yes. Motion carried. (*NAV-not available at time of vote)

CORRESPONDENCE

Athletic Boosters wants Rec to donate \$320 in awards for their annual dinner June 9th at the Colonial Inn. Dino Kostantakis will attend.

D. Morrell made a motion to approve the \$320 donation to the Athletic Boosters. D.

Kostantakis seconded motion. Vote as follows: Kostantakis/yes, Morrell/yes, Musse/yes, Sansone/yes, Tonner/NAV, Williams, Alt #1 Hickey/yes, Alt #2 Como/yes. Motion carried. (*NAV-not available at time of vote)

Potential Sponsors contacted us:

- All State Insurance wants to sponsor Men's, Ladies or Girls Softball and put up a banner at the field. Gave the information to R. Williams and D. Kostantakis.
- Yo-Delight Frozen Yogurt—gave out contact information.

COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

Gina's Field—R. Riquelme reported that the council is planning to do up to \$80,000 worth of work on Gina's Field and wants Rec's input. R. Williams will attend meetings with John Perkins and others to explore options. Commissioners agreed there needs to be Rec supervision when field renovations are in progress.

Memorial Field Construction—there's a problem with the Little League field backstop. Contractors parked bobcat on the pavers leaving tire tracks and made a mess of home plate which had just been redone. The borough needs to be on top of the contractor. Rec should have some kind of say about what is needed for the players. Stressed that the contractor should be responsible for getting field back in working order.

Backstop at Babe Ruth Field—Tony Como said the backstop can't go over home plate because that would make it illegal and the high school wouldn't be able to use it.

Field Renovation Issues—Rec Commissioners recounted the many problems with the Twin Boro renovation. Many of Rec's ideas weren't implemented. Many of the problems at Twin Boro could've been avoided if there had been Rec input.

Borough Parking Lot at Gina's Field—M. Hayes addressed the negative Facebook comments made regarding possible fencing of Gina's Field parking lot to store impounded cars. B. Brophie reported that the idea has lost traction since less than seven cars a year are impounded. Rec wants DPW to clean up the parking lot before the season starts. B. Wicker stressed that the parking lot is vitally needed for parking.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Congratulations to E. Lohsen on doing a great job on the minutes.

COORDINATOR'S REPORT

- All bills that have been submitted have been paid.
- Audit is continuing.
 - Auditors want original registration forms. Need to go to league presidents and get the original forms and match them to the summary sheets. That's why it's taking so long.
 - Auditors want league presidents to get 3 bids on every purchase over \$500 since Rec programs in total spent \$54,000 in 2013 at Bauer's.
Commissioners took issue with getting 3 bids:
 - R. Correa said local vendors are convenient, loyal and know we're good for the money.
 - Emphasized that that money comes from the registration fees not from the Rec budget. T. Hickey cited examples when registration fees increased due to uniform price increases.
 - B. Brophie said Best Practices is to get 3 bids. Can get online bids.
 - B. Wicker explained the Miscellaneous League Relief line item in answer to B. Brophie's inquiry.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Women's Softball wants to start up. Will issue permits.
- April 27th is the date for the dedication of the Dawn M. Totten Field at Columbia.
- The borough doesn't take online payments as we thought. John Perkins will contact someone he knows in that business.
- Patrick Harrison, Eagle Scout needs to write a project letter to John Perkins before next week. P. Musse will contact Patrick.
- Tennis lessons with Barry Ruback will have signups March 17th at the borough. He must show us his Certificate of Insurance since it's not a Rec program. M. Hayes will research some liability issues.
- Kaersten Levi, Football Cheerleading league president said registration is up and is concerned they'll run out of uniforms. Commissioners said to put girls on a waiting list if they signed up past the deadline.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

T. COMO

Senior Baseball:

- Registration was packed.

T. HICKEY

Competition Cheerleading had a great fund raiser that raised \$700. They'd like to have another in April.

Fundraising: Researching Monmouth and University of Scranton Family Fun Days.

D. KOSTANTAKIS

Rec Wrestling: Season is winding down. Districts and regions finished with 12 district medals and three region medals. States will be next week. Will have a spaghetti/awards party at the Elks Club when season is over. Congratulations to head coach Mike Vietri and his coaching staff and the young wrestlers for a great season! Inquired about a voucher and itemized bill that was submitted for \$1272 to reimburse Ken McGuyer, DHS coach for Rec uniforms. B. Wicker will look in to.

Girls Basketball: Season is winding down with the championship games to be played in a couple weeks at Dumont High School with the awards/pizza party to be held right after the championship game. Still waiting for the gym dates requested for the travel team to use the high school gym—Doug Kourian has given the info to E. Lohsen

Women's Softball: Terri Solari, league president has touched base with E. Lohsen with her needs for softball this year.

Men's Softball: Had a good turnout with over 135 registering. March 6th is the draft. Waiting for field permits to be finalized.

D. MORRELL

Junior Football: At the first signup 15 kids registered. 88 helmets were sent out for reconditioning. Gerry Aponte submitted a wish list for 15-20 helmets. They joined another football league YFANJ Youth Football Association of North Jersey due to other towns' cheating. They want to have a camp at DHS July 28-July 31st. E. Lohsen will submit request.

Flag Football: No report.

P. MUSSE

Rec Boys Basketball: Gym scheduling problems. The playoffs are March 10-15. They wanted DHS but they couldn't give enough time. Pizza party date to come. They have a website up and running. They hope to do online registrations next year.

Travel Boys Basketball: Going well, teams are very competitive.

Senior Baseball: There are 3 teams in 13-14 division, 2 teams for 15-16, 1 team in 17-18 division. Will begin winter workouts March 10th at Old Gym at DHS.

Garden at Grant: No report.

Certification: Two coaches were turned away at Sagem-Morpho because the fingerprint form we gave them was unacceptable. E. Lohsen emailed the others with the correct form. Commissioners agreed to reimburse Donald Wagner \$10 for missed appointment charge.

J. SANSONE

Roller Hockey: All running well. We're the only town playing. Rink is great—will stay up after season to save money.

Soccer: Tim Downing, league president is requesting possible use of DHS field at night with the use of the lights.

Little League: Needs permits.

G. TONNER

Parks & Playgrounds: No report.

Summer Recreation: Waiting to hear back from Samantha Walters.

Girls Volleyball Clinic: No report.

R. WILLIAMS

Girls Softball: Enrollment was low—will put different age groups together into 3 divisions—Sugar & Spice, Juniors and Seniors. Down about 60-70. Jamie O'Neill wants a list of all certified coaches. Field requests were submitted for Columbia, Gina's and Twin Boro. Negotiated with Men's Softball to use Twin Boro Monday nights—commission approves. Wants another night at Twin Boro till 8:00pm. Since Men's Softball numbers are up, we'll leave it as is. Would like Rec to release funding for 2013 and 2014. He has at least \$17,000 that was raised in fundraisers that he's saving to buy a field groomer. Commission will look into it once we know our budget and Jamie submits bids for the equipment he wants to buy. Inquired about having Columbia and Gina dugouts painted. Wants a tournament May 30-June 1. Men's Softball switched to accommodate. They want to use the Twin Boro Hut.

R. Williams made a motion to approve the Dumont Girls Softball Tournament from May 30-June 1 and to allow them to use the Twin Boro hut. P. Musse seconded

motion. Vote as follows: Kostantakis/yes, Morrell/yes, Musse/yes, Sansone/yes, Tonner/NAV, Williams/yes, Alt #1 Hickey/yes, Alt #2 Como/yes. Motion carried. (*NAV-not available at time of vote)

T. Como said there must be a Dumont representative managing the field during the tournament if there are two out-of-town teams playing. R. Williams and D. Morrell stressed that league presidents need to go through their liaisons.

Board of Education: No report

New Programs: No report

OLD BUSINESS

J. Sansone has 3 bids for replacing 6 basketball hoops at Memorial Field—the lowest one was \$5580. Other bids were much higher.

J. Sansone made a motion to approve the bid from Home Court Hoops. P. Musse seconded motion. Vote as follows: Kostantakis/yes, Morrell/yes, Musse/yes, Sansone/yes, Tonner/NAV, Williams/yes, Alt #1 Hickey/yes, Alt #2 Como/yes. Motion carried. (*NAV-not available at time of vote)

J. Sansone suggested having a security person at Memorial Park, possibly cops on bikes, to deter bad behavior.

T. Como decided to step down as Alternate Commissioner and will remain league president of Senior Baseball.

NEW BUSINESS

P. Musse showed everyone the Tenaflly Recreation booklet and suggested we do something similar to promote our programs.

E. Lohsen distributed copies of an article on the Mayor's Wellness campaign and suggested we join. It encourages wellness for all ages. Bergenfield does it—E. Lohsen will contact R. Williams' wife who works in that borough.

DPW wants a list of priorities—which fields do they clear first. Memorial Field, Columbia, Twin Boro, Gina's.

To fulfill the Sunshine Laws and to save money, a resolution was presented to approve publishing in two paid newspapers one Public Notice of all 2014 Recreation Board Meeting and Work Session dates and times.

R. Williams made a motion accept the resolution. D. Kostantakis seconded motion. Vote as follows: Kostantakis/yes, Morrell/yes, Musse/yes, Sansone/yes, Tonner/NAV, Williams/yes, Alt #1 Hickey/yes, Alt #2 Como/yes. Motion carried. (*NAV-not available at time of vote)

ADJOURNMENT

D. Morrell made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 pm T. Como seconded motion. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted
Ellen Lohsen,
4/1/14